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Congress Would Get Notice on Key Covert Operators

By NICHOLAS M. HORROCK Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14—The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will ask for legislation that would require the intelligence agencies to notify Congress before they begin any "significant" covert operations, Senator Frank Church, the committee chairman, said to-

In a breakfast meeting with reporters, the Idaho Democrat gave his first public outline of the oversight legislation that his committee plans to formally propose next week. The committee is expected to file on Tuesday a bill calling for a nine-member Senate oversight committee.

Senators Church and John G. Tower, the Texas Republican who is vice chairman, are expected to testify on the legislation in midweek before the Senate Government Operations tee. Committee.

Mr. Church said the committee was not ruling out the concept that Congress might want to create a joint committee of both Senate and House members to watch the intelligence agencies, but would leave such proposal to the House of Representatives.

 Ford Administration officials have said that they are very dubious about any requirement that the President give Con-

operations. They have said that by the Senate leadership in this would limit the President's traditional fashion. constitutional right to conduct oreign policy; in that it implies longress has some veto power.

Issue of Leaks

secret projects an individual would make public in its final senator or representative can report the names of any news it public.

today that he deplored the filtrated agents. According to leaks on Angola and Italy, but senior intelligence officials, the said that he did not believe C.I.A. had some 40 men on its members of a permanent over-payroll around the world who sight committee would act in posed as journalists. In five an irresponsible manner. He cases, these sources said, they denied, as he has in the past, worked for major news-gather-that there had been major leaks ing organizations. from his intelligence commit- The C.I.A. has refused to

would permit the oversight as newsmen while feeding the committee to seek to make agency information. It has republic abuses that it discovered fused to supply the information by getting the concurrence of to the House intelligence comthe Senate.

The Senator said that this sources.

country and Congress must evolve "a rational system for dealing with secrets."

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Senator Church said he would not permit the publication of the individuals names I

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operations. They have said that by the Senate leadership in "Now it's perfectly true we

Periodic Rotation

They have said that reports on Central Intelligence Agency operations in Angola and Italy came from Congress and that ment" of intelligence agencies made are insufficient grounds and Congress would develop to make legislative recommensured perior information on top-pledged that his committee to rotated periodistible, and nobody has suggested that the revelations that we've ment of intelligence agencies made are insufficient grounds and Congress would develop to make legislative recommensured periodistiple. "veto" the operation by making organizations that supply news public. to this country, at which the Senator Church told newsmen C.I.A. had paid reporters or in-

make public the names of indi-He said the bill, however, viduals who might have posed munity, according to committee

lealing with secrets." tion of the individuals names L. He said that the committee's but would make public the u.

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23rd April, 1976.

Mr. George W. Bush, Director, C.I.A.. WASHINGTON. D.C. 20505.

I enclose for your information copy of an Article by Dear Mr. Bush, Mr. Werher Von Braun prepared for Popular Science Magazine in which he appraised the Planetarium and Simulated Spaceship exhibit created at the Alabama Space & Rocket Centre, Huntsville which has attracted nearly two million tourists.

Viewed in context with other space exhibits available to the public the Planetarium may not have special significance but I would strongly suggest that active consideration be given to the tremendous P.R. potential this particular exhibit has The establishment of similar Planetarium Exhibits in a number of countries outside the U.S.A. where the public have had far less exposure to space development activities and news than their counterparts in the U.S. or Canada, would be double guaranteed to attract large numbers of viewers.

The Planetarium is immensely fascinating and has the dual distinction of being educational and entertaining but, more importantly, they offer the opportunity to promote in the most desirable way a favourable American image through the process of fulfilling the keen interest in, and stimulating genuine respect for the Technological achievements of the U.S. in its These are achievements which the Socialist and Communist Block countries have fallen far short of equalling and they should not be undervalued or undersold now.

Replicas of the Huntsville Planetarium with supplementary Exhibits plus handout printed information could effectively make known the great contributions the U.S. has made to mankind advancement. These projects would have great impact and undoubtedly help to improve the attitude of many to the U.S. and offset much unreasonable criticism based on misinformation which is being actively propagated in some countries.

The life cycle of the Planetarium in any particular country cannot be determined but should be regarded as semi-permanent establishments as is the Huntsville exhibit. continued....

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Mr. Charles H. Noel, Jr. Executive Director Suburban Newspapers Of America 484 National Press Building Washington, D.C. 20045

Dear Mr. Noel,

Thank you for your letter of April 14 and for your kind invitation to me to be the featured speaker at the convention of the Suburban Newspapers of America. Unfortunately, my schedule will not permit me to join you and your members in Denver on May 20.

Again, my thanks for your thoughtful invitation and my best personal wishes for a happy and successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Is/ George Bush

George Bush Director

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Mr. George Bush Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Suburban Newspapers of America, the national trade association serving the nation's suburban press, is holding its national convention May 19-21, 1976, at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

On behalf of the officers, board of directors, and entire membership of SNA, I extend to you an invitation to be our featured speaker for the convention. The time and date would be the noon luncheon on May 20 at the Brown Palace.

The audience will consist of publishers and other high-ranking executives (and their wives) of newspapers published in the suburbs of our country's metropolitan centers.

I will be happy to provide for you or members of your staff any information you may require regarding our association or the convention.

I look forward to your response with the hopeful expectation that you will honor us with your presence.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Angus MacLean Thuermer

Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Suburban Newspapers of America Speech

Invitation - Denver

This organization asserts that its member papers have a circulation of 10 million. The May 20th meeting at the Brown Palace will involve 200 to 250 publishers and their wives. They would like you to have a 30 or 40 minute presentation with Q \S A.

The kind of papers involved are the sort of neighborhood paper we find in Arlington, Fairfax, and Montgomery Counties covering local affairs for suburban folk.

If you're going out West or figure you can spend a long day shuttling back and forth to Denver, I don't see why you shouldn't oblige them. These people have nowhere near the clout of the ASNE of course. The invitation does get you out with the Agency message to a group that might carry our story.

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Angus MacLean Thuermer

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No, I can't make it

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April 22, 1976

Mr. George Bush

Central Intelligence Agency

P.O. Box 9312 Rosslyn Station

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Dear Mr. Bush:

I am writting this letter to obtain information about your ideas on the meaning for the C.I.A.s' purpose in protecting the American people.

You are new to the C.I.A. and may not be able to answer this question to the fullest. But, I can understand this and would not hold it against you if you are unable to answer: this question.

It would be niece to know some day how our country is protected by this organization and its' methods, but there are somethings in this world that are better said best when not said at all mainly because the American puplic is not yet ready to handle how the C.I.A. gets things done.

I hope some day I will be able to join this organization and be able to help protect my country knowing that I am doing some thing that is needed by all.

America seems to be an example for all of the other countries to follow, and your protection is the only thing in my book that seems to have a major importance.

An end to the C.I.A. might mean an end to the American, protection forces and the freedom this country has something to be proud of.

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Sincerely,